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WALL STREET PLAYS THROUGH NOON HOUR

Traffic Halts While Clerks Stroll and Gossip.

New York—Money is king in Wall Street, but the people there are far from being the pawns in the financial game which popular conceptions picture them. They are very human, apparently more so in their hour of relaxation than in the busy hours of business groups.

Now is the time to the provincial Saturday night in a small town, with only the slight difference caused by custom and environment. The streets are only a few blocks from the business groups, but the sunlight shines straight down into the voids and its brightness is reflected on the crowds. There are no bustling shoppers here, no persons rushing to appointments or the busy-busy of business hours. Now is a time to relax.

All traffic except that essential to the district is diverted at that hour and carterous boundaries are forgotten.

Walk in Middle of Street.

The status of Washington looks down on Nassau street, one of the few wide ones, where girls in smart groups of youths, or here and there a lad and the "girl friend," promenade. Lunch is being devoured in the middle of the street until the clock strikes one.

It is the same on Wall street, which is hardly more than a narrow alley—or on New street, which a wide track would fill from curb to curb.

There is a sociality about it all, and an exuberance for a new building is sufficient attraction for as many persons as can crowd around the street rail.

Patrolling the streets during this time are the hawkers who reap their fortunes in nickels and dimes—newspapers, combs, novelties—anything that strikes the eye.

The scene is entirely at variance with the activity of the street which makes a million dollars only small change.

Money is a commodity here, and all realize the utility of executive display, except for the standard "prosperous looking" clothes which are accepted both by bank presidents and \$50-a-week clerks.

The president and clerk sit side by side in the same lunchroom, particularly those where you wait on yourself and then figure your own bill.

This action of the banker, however, may be construed as avarice, as even small sums now are guarded closely. This practice was evolved only recently after a series of hold-ups.

Take Precaution.

The same holds looking messengers still carry the little black bags, but the bags are fastened to wrists by handcuffs and chains, making it virtually impossible for them to be snatched away. The messengers of the messenger is armed guards by the presence of two or three armed guards walking behind him with weapons in hand in coat pockets, while the guards try to look as little like detectives as possible.

This quiet protection marks the street, for about the only visible policemen are traffic officers. For the rest, there is an abundance of plain clothes men and private guards in every establishment.

Snakes Kill 19,308 in British India in Year.

London.—Snakes were responsible for the deaths of 19,308 people out of 21,841 who were killed by wild animals in British India during 1925.

According to annual returns the number of deaths attributed to accidents by wild beasts is 1,974, of which 975 are accounted for by tigers and the rest by wolves, bears, leopards, elephants, wild pigs, crocodiles and hyenas.

The number of snakes destroyed totaled 41,004 and wild animals, 21,005, the latter including 4,000 leopards and 1,000 tigers.

Ananiah Unknown as Liar in Home Land.

Damascus.—Every American who comes to Damascus is told: "Don't fall to tell the house of Ananiah."

One feels that he cannot leave Damascus without calling on the patron of prevaricators.

He occupied a fine house, as houses in Damascus go, and must have been a prosperous old gentleman.

"Did he have any other profession besides that of a liar?" a guide was asked.

"Lawyer? He was not a lawyer; there were no lawyers in those days," the guide who learned his English in England replied reprovingly.

"Liar, liar" was the emotional repeated query.

"Aha! a fiber, you mean," came back the Anglo-Syrian with a look of intense surprise.

"Why, this man is not known because he was a liar, but he is the man who converted Saint Paul."

They never have heard of Ananiah, the liar, in this part of the world.

Irony of Fate.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Mrs. Peggy Roome, stunt aviator, who had her picture taken wandering on an airplane wing up in the air, has been killed in an automobile accident.

Cloth from Bamboo.

London.—Cloth of woven bamboo is the latest textile novelty. The raw material from India is much cheaper than cotton from Dixie.

BUS LINES AND RAILROADS CUT RATES FOR STATE FAIR

Richmond—All transportation lines have announced special reduced rates to visitors to the twenty-first annual Virginia State Fair, which opens here on Monday, October 4.

The auto has lines entering Richmond from Charlottesville, Norfolk, Newport News, Farmville, Scottsville, Farmville, Mineral, West Point, Urbana and Petersburg will sell round-trip tickets at the rate of fare and one-half throughout the week, as will also the following railroads: Southern, Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Atlantic Coast Line and Richmond Air Line. Special Sunday excursions will also be run by some of the railroads from various points. The Fair will run the entire week of October 4, and a record-breaking attendance is expected.

STATE FAIR TO HAVE BIG JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Richmond—So big has the boys' and girls' club department of the Virginia State Fair become that it will virtually be a Fair in itself this year. Over \$50,000 in prizes are offered, including three university scholarships. Two are offered by the Fair Association—one for the best dairy calf, the other for the best specimen of baby beef from the Fair Association's standpoint. Another scholarship of \$100.00 is offered by the Fair Association for the best specimen of baby beef from the Fair Association's standpoint.

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BIG POULTRY AND PET STOCK SHOWS AT STATE FAIR

Richmond—A remodeled and enlarged building is being provided for the Poultry Show of the 1926 Virginia State Fair, which promises to outstrip all previous exhibitions in this part of the country. Over 8,000 birds were in the 1925 show and this number will be greatly increased this year. Every species of chicken, turkey, guinea, water fowl and pigeons will be represented in an exhibition that will be of the utmost interest and value to all who raise fowls, whether for pleasure or profit. Handsome premiums are offered.

And if you have a conch dog, or a pet "tibby," don't fail to take in the dog and cat show. The dog exhibit last year was, in every sense of the word a "howling" success, with every known breed represented. The show will be under the auspices of the American Kennel Club.

The Cat Show was an innovation in 1925, and the enthusiastic welcome given it by the thousands of visitors justifies its continuance this year on an enlarged scale.

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WONDERFUL FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT STATE FAIR

Richmond—A magnificent display of fireworks has been contracted for as a feature of the twenty-first annual Virginia State Fair, which opens here on Monday, October 4, and continues through the week. For years the Virginia State Fair has been noted for its fireworks, which have not been surpassed by any fair in the country. This year the management has arranged for an especially elaborate program, including the newest and most startling inventions in set pieces, aerial effects and novelties. The fireworks will be shown at the close of the grandstand performance on each of the six nights of the Fair. Railroad and bus lines will offer reduced rates throughout Fair Week.

NEW FARM IMPLEMENTS AT STATE FAIR

Richmond—A mammoth display of the newest developments in tractors and farm machinery will be seen at the 1926 State Fair, which opens October 4. The most important implements will be represented and many of the exhibits will be in operation continuously, providing a practical demonstration of what the machines will do. The Fair will run the entire week, through October 9.

STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES SIX-DAY PROGRAM

Richmond.—The daily program of the Virginia State Fair to be held the week of October 4, is announced as follows: Monday, October 4, "Child's Day"; Tuesday, October 5, "Girls' Day"; Wednesday, October 6, "Farmers' Day"; Thursday, October 7, "Everybody's Day"; Friday, October 8, "Home-Coming Day"; Saturday, October 9, "Everybody's Day." Children will be admitted without charge on Monday and the public schools will close half a day. Wednesday will be a general holiday here in honor of "Richmond Day."

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